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For : METHOD OF GENERATING MOLECULE-FUNCTION NETWORK

EIGHTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§ 1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed on October 25, 2005; December 6, 2005, August 29, 2006; November 16, 2006; May 13, 2008; September 15, 2008; April 24, 2009, and June 10, 2009, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner the following commonly assigned, co-pending U.S. Patent Applications:

- U.S. Patent Application No. 11/575,940 to ITAI et al., entitled "Method of Displaying Molecule Function Network," which application is the National Stage of PCT/JP2005/018488, filed September 29, 2005, and which published as US 2008/0281864 A1; and

- U.S. Patent Application No. 11/850,629 to ITAI, entitled “Method of Generating Molecule-Function Network,” filed September 5, 2007, and which published as US 2008/0059513 A1.

Applicants further direct the Examiner’s attention to an Office Action dated October 29, 2009, issued in connection with commonly assigned, co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 11/575,940, in which the following document, not previously made of record in the instant application, was cited:

- US 6,876,930 (MURRAY et al.), April 5, 2005.

The relevance of this document, as ascertained with respect to the claims in the ‘940 Application, is set forth in the Office Action provided herewith.

Applicants further direct the Examiner’s attention to an Office Action dated June 25, 2009, issued in connection with commonly assigned, co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 11/850,629. Applicants note that the documents cited therein have previously been made of record in the instant application.

Copies of the above-referenced Office Actions are attached hereto, and the above-referenced documents as well as the Office Actions are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and indicate such consideration by initialing and signing the attached Form PTO-1449, and returning a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

No fee is believed due at this time. However, the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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